

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 359

By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to recognize Douglas E. Jones on the occasion of his retirement as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Rehabilitation Initiative in Correction.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of public service have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Douglas E. Jones is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for nine years as the first and only Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Rehabilitation Initiative in Correction; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Rehabilitation Initiative in Correction (TRICOR) was created by the General Assembly in 1994; at that time, Governor Ned McWherter appointed Mr. Jones to the TRICOR Board, and his fellow members elected him to serve as the first Chairman of the Board; and

WHEREAS, he has served astutely as Chairman for nine years, during which time he has been instrumental in establishing TRICOR as a credible and profitable entity that is serving Tennessee and its taxpayers by putting inmates to work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones has donated untold hours over the past nine years to working with TRICOR management, the Board of Directors, and the General Assembly; he has effectively championed TRICOR's mission of teaching inmates a work ethic and skills and assisting in the placement of inmates in jobs upon their release; his efforts have resulted in a significant reduction in recidivism for inmates who have worked in TRICOR programs; and

WHEREAS, Douglas Jones earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Tennessee Technological University, attended the Vanderbilt University School of Law, and received his Juris Doctorate from the Memphis State University School of Law; and

WHEREAS, early in his career, he worked for the Department of Agriculture as a Staff Attorney; he later worked as a Staff Attorney and Administrative Hearing Officer for the Secretary of State; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones is now a partner in the law firm of Schulman, LeRoy and Bennett, PC; and

WHEREAS, he is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in and lending his support to numerous civic organizations, including serving the Battle of Nashville Preservation Society as President; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Mr. Jones is grateful to share both love and companionship with his wife, Kitty Norton; and

WHEREAS, he exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Douglas E. Jones has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues in state government; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we thank Douglas E. Jones for his many years of service to the State of

Tennessee as Chairman of the Board of Directors of TRICOR and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.